

## PRESIDENT HOEFER IS IN DANGER

Was Fearfully Scalded About  
Head and Neck

AT HIS PACKING PLANT

Doctors Have Some Hope of  
His Recovery.

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 28.—Fred Hofer, president of the Hofer Packing company, in this city, was fearfully scalded here in an accident at the plant last night. Regarding the accident, the Oklahoma says:

As the result of an awful accident which occurred at the Hofer Packing company's plant Mr. Fred Hofer, estimated as a citizen and business man, is lying at the point of death at his home.

Yesterday was laid rendering day at the packing house, and just before closing business for the day, Mr. Hofer went to examine the last vat to see that there would be no leaking during the night. Just as he stepped over and touched the vat-cock the plug flew out and Mr. Hofer's head, face, neck, shoulders and arms and the upper portion of his body were enveloped in the flow of superheated steam.

Striking with agony, Mr. Hofer was taken to his home and Dr. West immediately summoned and every effort expended to relieve the injured man, but it was several hours before the excessive pain could be abated.

Dr. West called in Dr. Ryan for consultation last night and at 10 o'clock they left the patient resting easy. Dr. West stated to a reporter for the Oklahoma last night that while the injuries of Mr. Hofer were very serious, a definite opinion as to the result would not be expressed until this morning.

During and after the fearful ordeal the afflicted man did not lose consciousness, and last night talked with the physicians and family. He said that his physical condition was entirely destroyed, it would be best for him to die.

Mr. Hofer is about fifty years old and has a wife and two grown children with him. They are almost prostrated with grief over the terrible calamity.

While attending the accident, the patient's condition, and receiving a definite opinion of the case until today, Dr. West last night was quite hopeful that Mr. Hofer would recover from his terrible injuries.

The news of the catastrophe casts a gloom over the friends of the afflicted man in this city.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware of  
Imitations.

**SUICIDE AT END**  
Henry Smith, a Farmer, is Tired of  
Life.

End O. T., June 28.—At 7 o'clock this morning Henry Smith of Palmer shot himself in the stomach with suicidal intent. He will probably die. It is reported that domestic troubles was the cause. He came here from Memphis, Missouri.

**The Grand Trunk Railway System.**  
In the "Phonograph" Pan-American Review in Buffalo, New York, and elsewhere.

Wichita, O. T., June 28.—The Grand Trunk Railway System, which is now being constructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is now being constructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

For tourist publications, etc., apply to City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 203 Clark Street, Chicago.

**GARBER CITIZEN DROWNED.**  
Young Man Sinks in a Pond Nine Feet Deep.

Garber, O. T., June 28.—The Sentinel says:

Last Sunday a sad accident occurred on Black River creek, southeast of this place. A son of A. Jack, aged 25 years, went out to a pond to bathe between 7 and 8 o'clock a. m., and not returning within a reasonable time they went out to look for him and found him dead in the deep water in the pond, which was about nine feet deep.

The young man could not swim, and was frequently cautioned against the dangers of the pond.

**NO MAN IS STRONGER  
THAN HIS STOMACH.**

The stomach is the vital center of the body. It is the organ from which all other organs are fed. A weak stomach means a weak man. There never was a strong man with a weak stomach. What is called "weak stomach" is in reality a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, which prevents the proper digestion of the food which is taken into the stomach, and so robs the system of the body.

When all food is taken away the body starves. When the food eaten is only digested and assimilated in part it only nourishes the body in part, and so the body is partly starved. And this starvation is felt in every organ of the body dependent on the blood which is made from food.

The great variety of the cure performed by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is due to its remarkable power to heal diseases of the stomach and allied organs. It cures through the stomach diseases, including indigestion, which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition.

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## BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're liable to feel the effects of constipation. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach.

**CANDY  
CATHARTIC**  
EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY

Keeps the bowels in good order. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach. It's a sure sign of a weak, diseased stomach.

**KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN**

of going in alone, and has paid the extreme penalty for not heeding the advice given him. Only a very small portion of the food was beyond his depth, a space about eight feet square, and but little of it would have been required to have propelled him to shallow water, but a drowning man is soon bereft of any intelligent effort, and consequently succumbed to the inevitable. This should be a warning to Garber boys who bathe in our pond, much of which is dangerously deep.

**Cracker Factory Starts Up.**  
Guthrie, O. T., June 28.—The Oklahoma City Cracker Factory made its first run yesterday and turned out a good quality of crackers. The plant will not be operated to its full capacity until July 15, owing to the fact that the quality of our needed cannot be secured at this time. It was the intention of the company to start about July 1, for a steady run, but this matter of flour has caused the delay.

**Low Rates to Buffalo Exposition.**  
Via the Nickel Plate road. Three through trains daily, with vestibule sleeping cars and excellent dining car service, meals being served on the American club basis plan, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$1.00. Chicago depot, Van Buren street and Pacific avenue, on the Elevated Loop.

Write John Y. Callahan, general agent, 111 Adams street, Chicago, for full information and beautifully illustrated descriptive folder of the big million buildings and grounds.

**This is a Daisy.**  
Guthrie, O. T., June 28.—The Perkins Journal is authority for the following: To get down to business, instances of big yields a 10-acre wheat field owned by James Watkins, near Perkins, has been harvested. From careful tests made it is estimated that the field will average about 40 bushels to the acre, which insures a yield of over 400 bushels, worth in the market the sum of \$1,400.

**Williams Brothers Are Released.**  
Guthrie, O. T., June 28.—James and Mark Williams, who were arrested on June 15, on a charge of stealing a horse, were released from the federal jail today on \$1,000 bonds each.

**Christian Church Chartered.**  
Guthrie, O. T., June 28.—The First Christian church of Street in Lincoln county, was chartered today by Secretary of the State for a term of ninety-nine years.

**HORSE WAS TRAINED.**  
Wichita Man Was Scolded by Traveling Preacher.

The horse traders of this city are in a melancholy mood because an outfit has come in town with a new trick that beats them out of sight.

The new crowd of horse traders came all out of the city on a Chicago crew, and they arrived every horse trader that he could find. They became so nervous that Chief of Police Frank Hart told them to move on. The gang that can beat the Wichita crowd has no right to live here.

A man who came in from the camp yesterday said he saw a young man by the name of Unger tackle the gang and was beating the result of the trade. He said that Unger had a new little pony worth \$25 or \$30. One of the men with the traveling menagerie told Mr. Unger that he needed just such an animal as that and would trade him for a horse, and he agreed to a horse being tied to a tree with a halter. The horse was worth \$25 if he was worth a cent. Unger nearly dropped in his tracks when the man offered to trade for \$3 to boot.

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## HOFFMAN CHOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Chandler Statesman to Lead a  
Foriorn Hope.

GROOMED FOR DELEGATE

Forrest and Cross Are Still in  
the Race.

Guthrie, O. T., June 28.—It is practically conceded among Democrats of the territory that Col. Roy V. Hoffman of Chandler is the nominee of the Democrats and Populists for delegate to congress. There will be other candidates for the nomination, but Col. Hoffman is considered the strongest man in the party and is perfectly willing to spend his money to secure the chance to make the race for his party.

The organization of the Jefferson club at Oklahoma City was the first step toward this end for Hoffman. (It was his contention that the club be incorporated. In fact he was one of the men who fear anxious for such a club to be organized in order that Democracy might be in a position to be ready for the fight which is to come on. Bob Ray of Woodward was one of the first men to take up the matter of a Jefferson club, and in this movement Hoffman was an able second. Hoffman, Bob Forrest and others were anxious to keep out of the club as officers, owing to the fact that the by-laws state that an officer of the club cannot be a candidate for a territorial position while serving the club. Hoffman specially was mentioned for an office, but his friends said that he had left out, owing to the fact that he did go into the club as an officer it would queer his chances for the delegate nomination.

The very fact that Hoffman is being mentioned so favorably for the delegate nomination is not setting well with the friends of Bill Cross. Hoffman is said to be a stronger man than Cross and those who know Cross state that if Hoffman is nominated he will not spend less money than any other man in the party excepting Hoffman in order for the party to have success. Forrest is conceded to be a strong man, but numbers of the party say that the time is not yet ripe for Forrest to come to the front for such an office as delegate in times like these, when the very strongest men of the party to defeat Dennis Flynn.

A number of the counties are endorsing Hoffman and urging him to make the race. The defeat of Flynn is the principal factor in the organizing of the Jefferson club. Then again, the Democrats are tired of the one-sided fusion which has been going on in the territory and want the Populists to come to them if they want any favors from the Democrats. If fusion is accomplished, which it undoubtedly will be, the party will still be known as the Democratic party. There is a sentiment among some of the Democrats that there should be no fusion, but the wiser of the politicians want it so that they can more successfully overthrow the Republican organization in the territory.

It is the hope of every Democrat in the territory who is paying any attention to politics that with the organization of this new club it will be possible to defeat the next candidate for congress on the Republican ticket. Every Democrat is bitter against Dennis Flynn, not especially as a man but as a Republican and a member of congress. This being the case, it is little wonder that they want to bring their strongest man to the front and hope by the organization of auxiliary clubs to have the organization of the party in such a condition by the time the next campaign rolls around that they can accomplish the desired result.

A Democrat who is watching things closely at present says:

"This is practically the first time in the history of the party in the territory that we have started this early in the year to organize for the next campaign. I am sure that it will work up the work. I have just started we will be in splendid condition to fight a great battle for Democratic supremacy when the time comes. In spite of the talk to the contrary, Hoffman is the most available man in the party at the present time for delegate. He is young and a good worker. He has been identified with the interests of the party and has a host of friends. A number of the counties of the territory have endorsed him already and Pawnee county has started the ball rolling in its work for him."

Harry Rogers is back from Buffalo. S. O. Reese of Goddard, was a visitor in Wichita, yesterday.

Mrs. S. G. Gribb is visiting in Chickasha O. T., with her son, John.

Dr. J. W. Hutton returned yesterday from Atchison, after a visit of two weeks.

Colonel J. C. Rutan returned yesterday from Seattle, Wash., much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. McGuigan have gone to Findlay, Ohio, for the summer.

Superintendent of City Schools Knight and wife have returned from their visit to Iowa.

Mrs. Frank Root, who has been very sick at her home in the Whitlock block, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farmer have returned from a pleasant trip to Eureka Springs, Ark.

Mayor J. E. Ball and wife of Guthrie are visiting A. S. Nelson and family, 120 South Emporia.

Mr. Kirk Long, employed by the Dold Packing company, has accepted a place with Jett & Wood.

Miss Edith Manger, of Houston, Tex., arrived last night to spend several weeks with Mrs. F. W. George, of North Market street.

Miss Mabelle Black, who has been the guest of J. H. Black for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Anthony, Ok., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Myers, who came out for the Perrell-Ridley wedding, have returned to their home in Assumption, Ill.

W. F. Belte, of La Junta, Colo., has returned to this city to accept a position with the Santa Fe in Superintendent H. S. Tice's office.

Mr. Samuel Shields and Miss Mary Cummins, with Miss Susie Shields attended a social out in Minnisha township. They report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Henry Roth, of 248 New York avenue, who has been very sick for several days, was removed to the Wichita hospital yesterday at noon.

Valley Center State Bank will open for business at Valley Center. Capital stock \$500 and more to follow when the exigencies of the case demand it.

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